SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 480

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Maxine Bailey on being named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2009, Maxine Bailey was named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, which holds an annual luncheon in the city to honor ten women who have distinguished themselves in their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Ms. Bailey is the former Director of Girls Inc. and Co-Founder of the Chattanooga Girls Leadership Academy, Tennessee's first all-girls public charter school; and

WHEREAS, a woman with rich and diverse career experience, Maxine Bailey has taught women's history in the State University of New York system, stood as Executive Director of a program for battered women, was Co-Founder of a Women and Diversity Institute, and managed the nation's largest public/private summer youth employment program in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bailey also served as Director of Community Resources for Chattanooga's Community Impact Fund and was Co-Coordinator of the District Nine Community Economic Development Planning Project; and

WHEREAS, a widely respected community leader in Chattanooga, she founded the Westside Progressive Academy women's adult literacy program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bailey epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Maxine Bailey, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Maxine Bailey on being named a 2009 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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